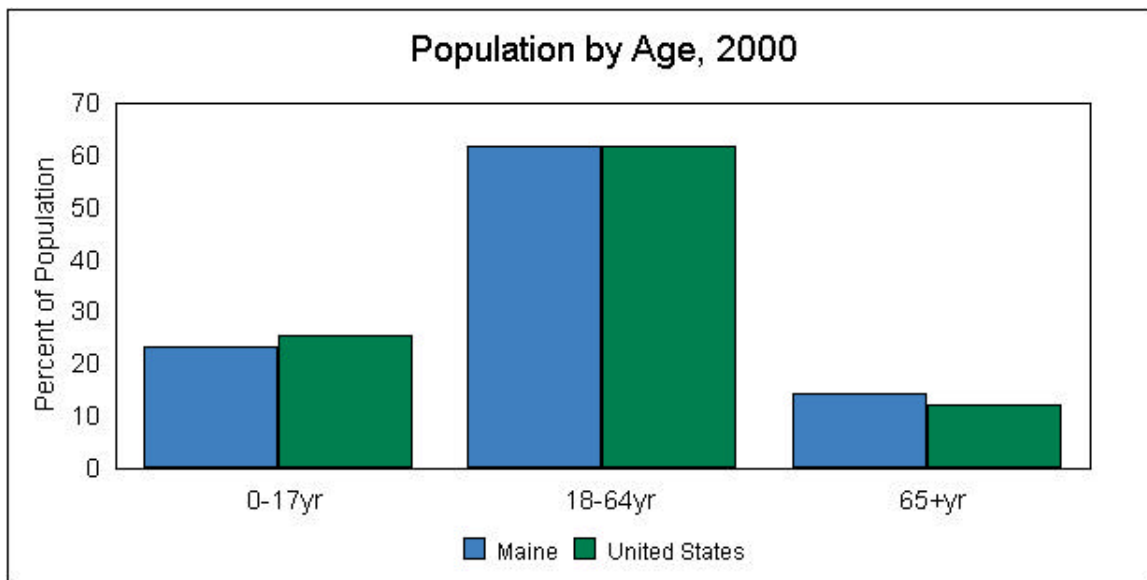


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Census 2000: Trends in Demographic Characteristics of the Population

Information from the 2000 Census is gradually becoming available as the various components are compiled and released by the Census Bureau. Data on the composition of the population and of households and families was released this winter. Socio-economic data (including poverty and income figures) will not be available for some time yet.

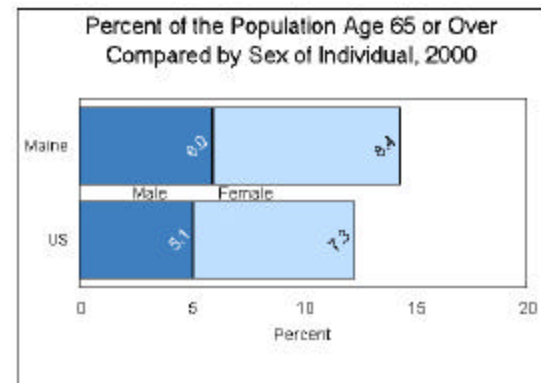
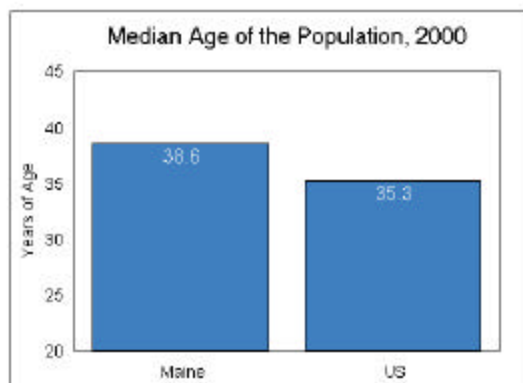
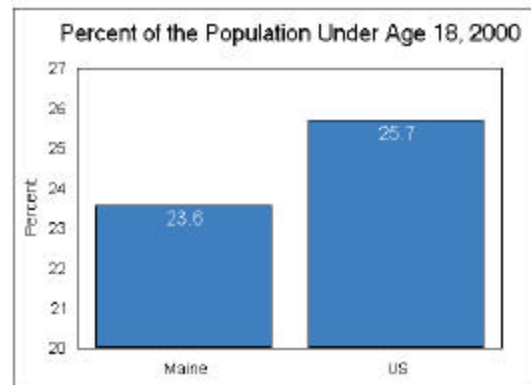
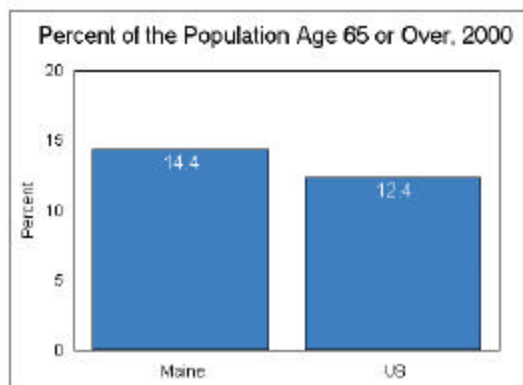
The data contain important information about Maine's population, economy and living conditions and reveals some important differences and trends:

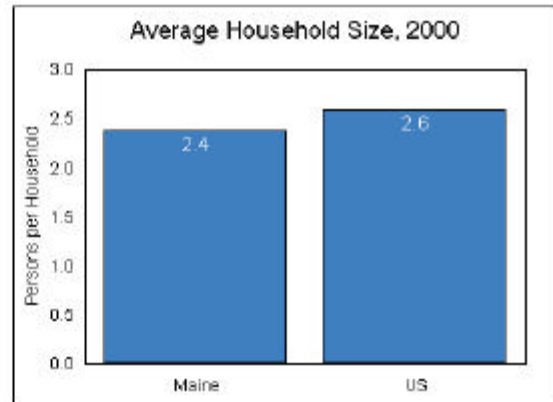
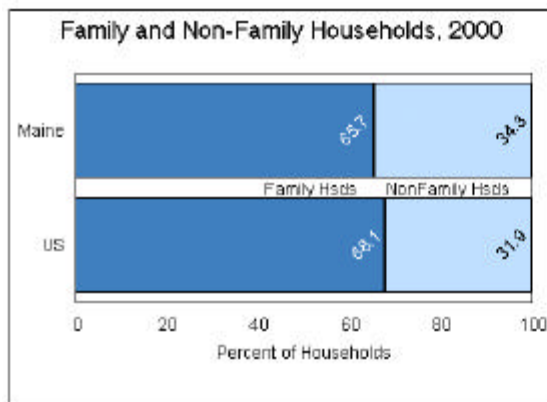
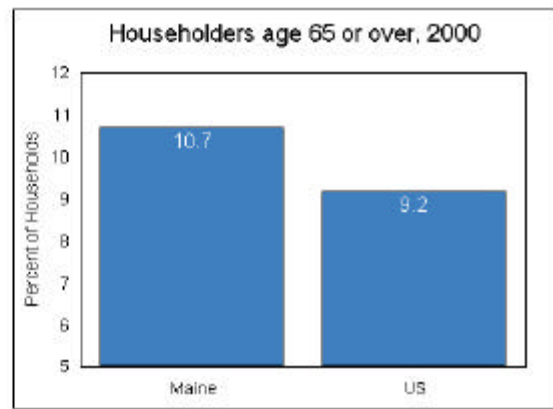
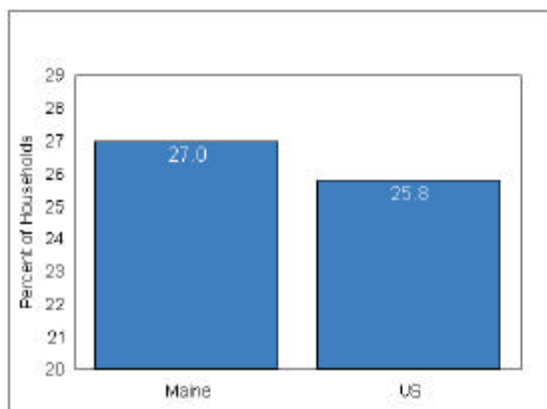
- When compared to the nation, Maine has unique differences.
- When 2000 data is compared with similar data from past censuses, and compared regionally within Maine, significant patterns emerge that offer clues to the persistence of poverty.

This supplement highlights some of the demographic differences that have implications for the level of poverty in Maine. The data is from the population & household composition file (Summary File 1, also known as the 100% count or the "short form" data). A later supplement will provide highlights from the census release covering social and economic factors.

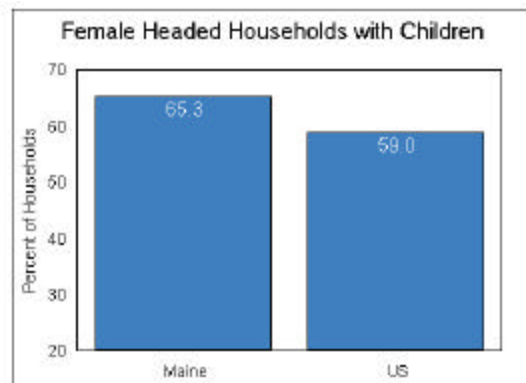
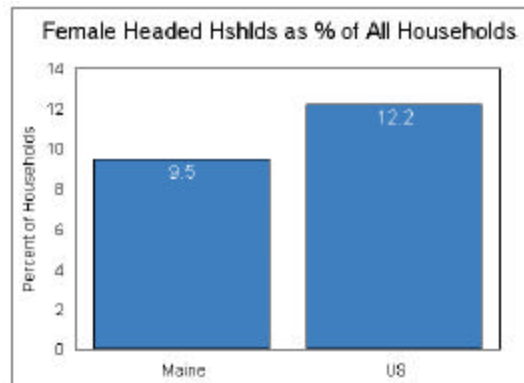
I. Key Differences between Maine and the US

- Maine has fewer children and more elderly. Hence the median age of Maine's population is more than 3 years older than the national average and the average size of Maine's households and families is smaller. Maine has more family units that are elderly and more people living alone, a greater portion of whom are elderly. An older population and a higher portion of households that are headed by an elder have many positive implications, but it can also account for Maine's:
 - Higher dependence on transfer payments by Maine households and a resulting higher portion of the income in Maine from sources other than earnings,
 - Lower overall portion of households with a member in the labor force, especially with full time employment,
 - More limited labor supply to stimulate economic growth,
 - Growing need for health care services, alternative and assisted living arrangements and home care programs.

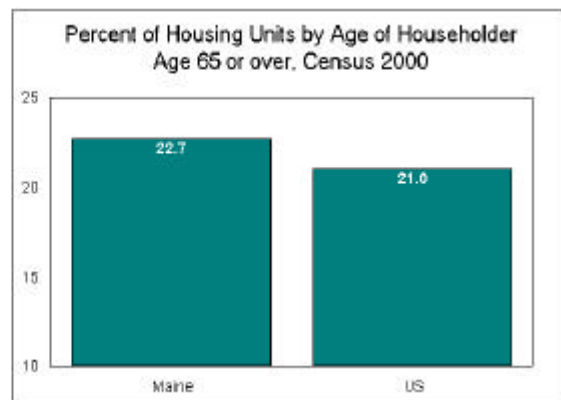
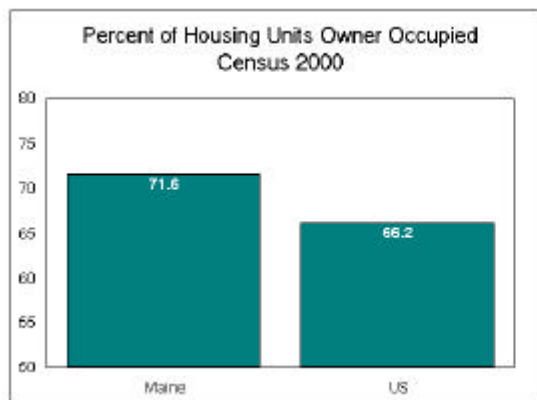




- Maine has fewer female-headed households, but a much higher portion have small children. A single parent family is, by lack of a second parent, limited to a single income. Therefore even with fewer children overall, and a smaller portion of single parent families, the risk of poverty among children is greater in Maine.



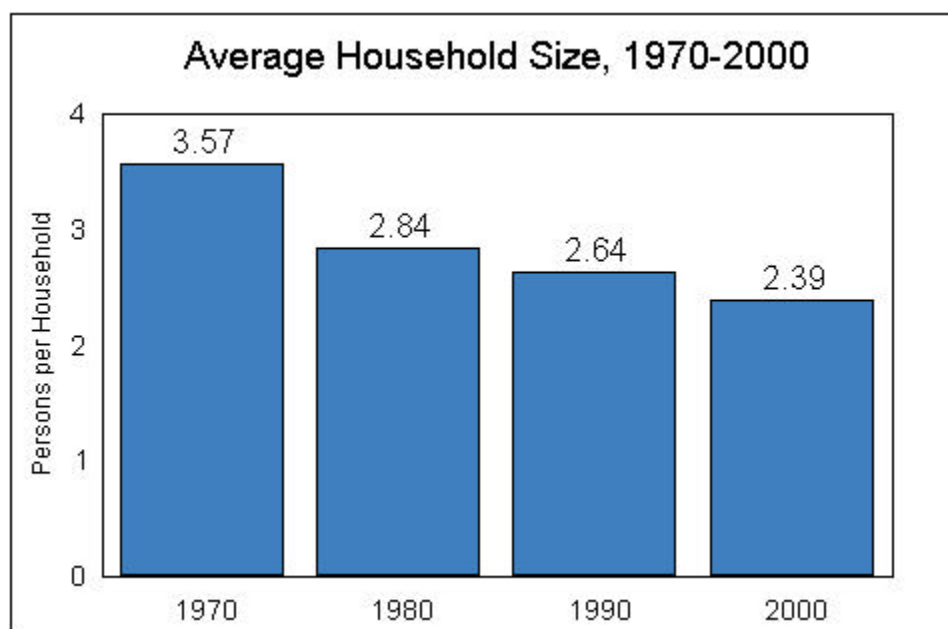
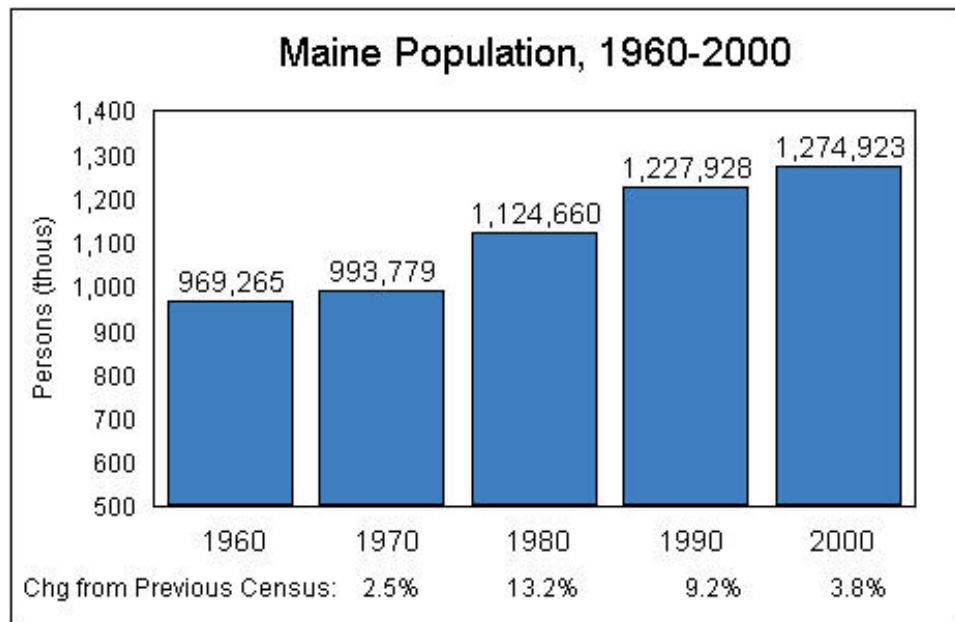
- Maine has one of the highest home ownership rates in the nation. The Census Bureau also identifies Maine as one of the most rural states because the State's population is more widely dispersed over the countryside rather than being concentrated in cities and nearby suburban neighborhoods. Mainers may enjoy and value their rural lifestyle, but it also accounts for Maine's
 - Higher rate of rural poverty,
 - Lower level of disposable income due to higher costs of maintaining and operating a home, commuting to work and so forth,
 - Higher tax burden due to the higher cost of delivering services, maintaining roads and infrastructure, and providing other services to a widespread low density population,
 - Greater importance of programs and services to assist homeowners with limited incomes such as homestead exemptions, fuel assistance and weatherization program, and senior transportation services.

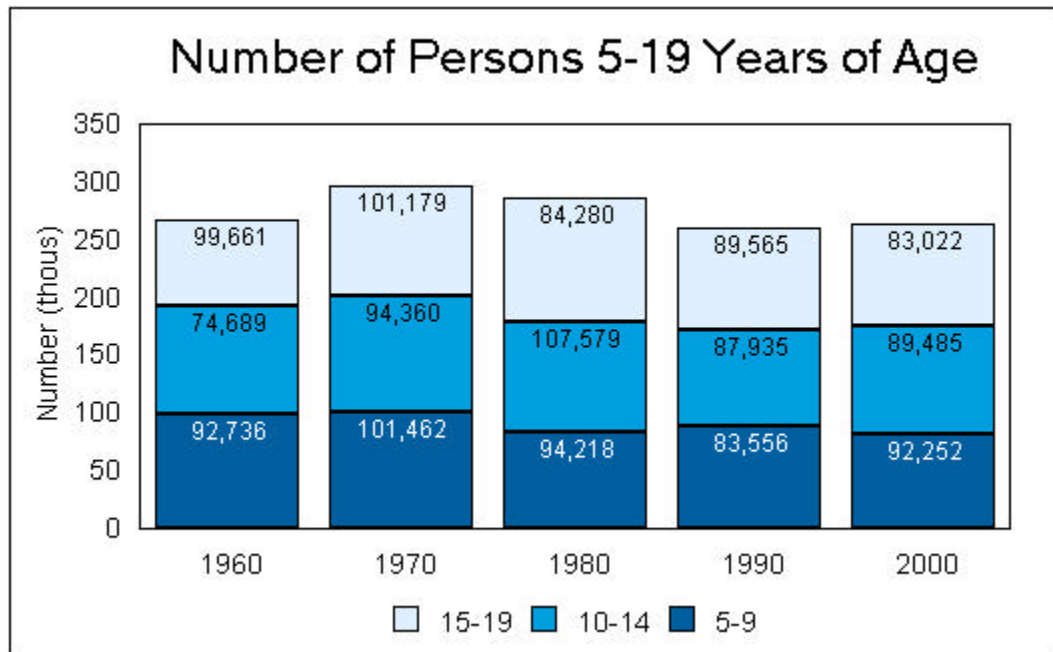
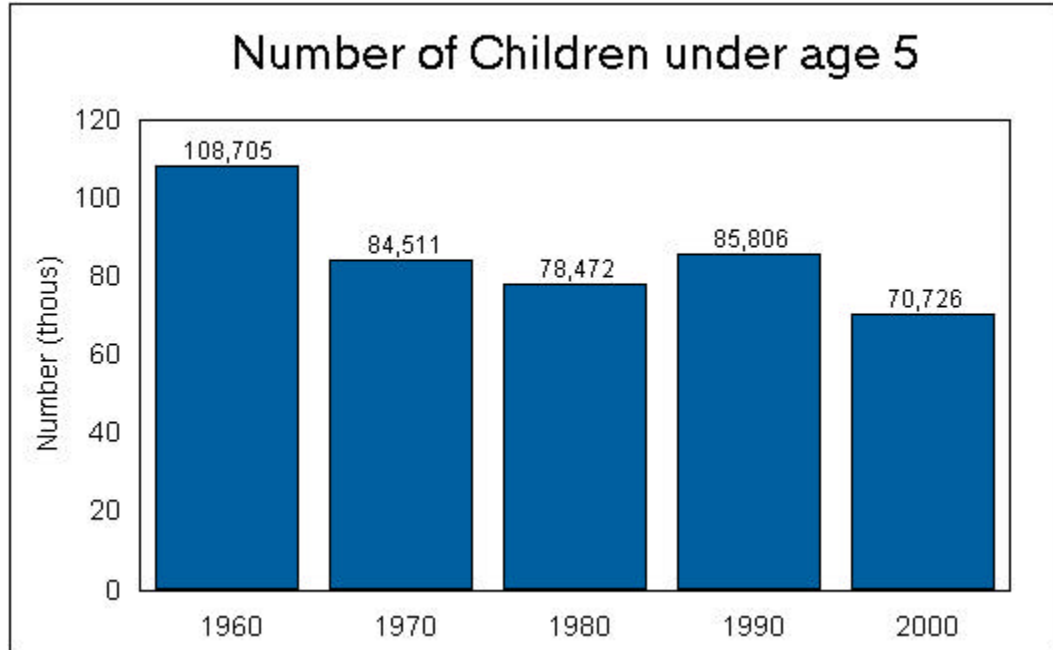


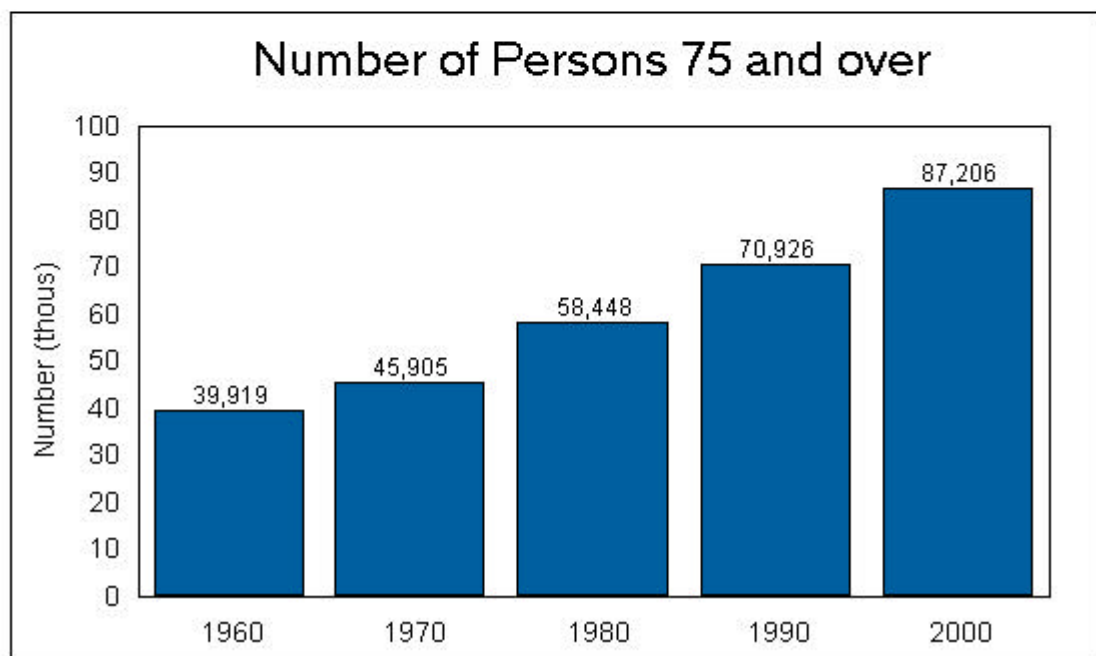
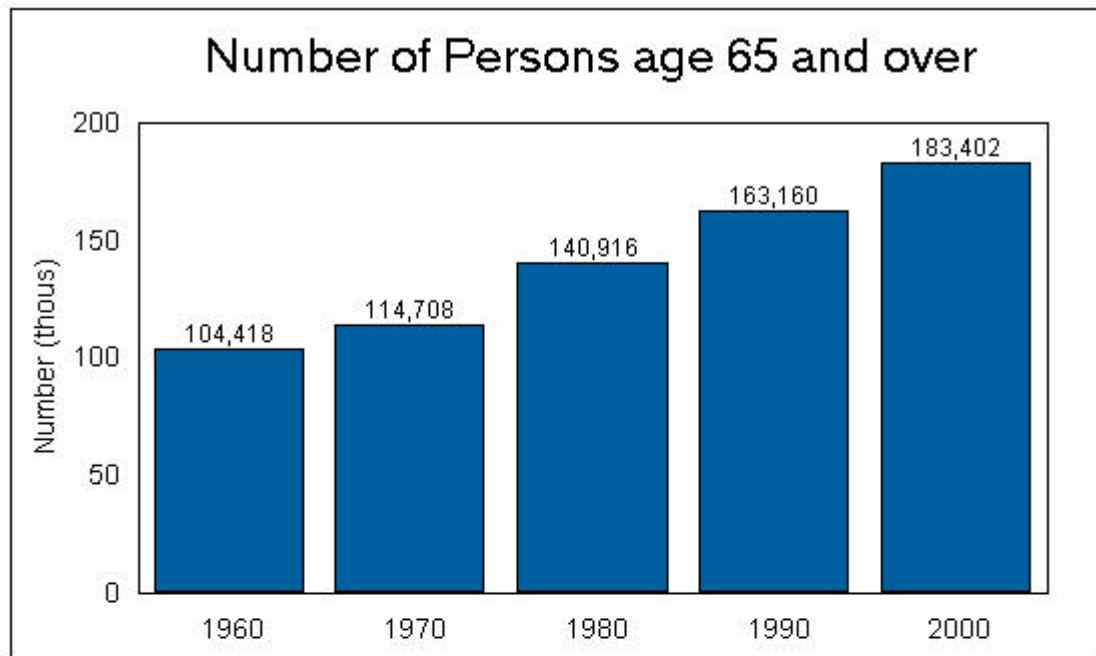
Summary of Demographic Characteristics
Maine Compared to the United States

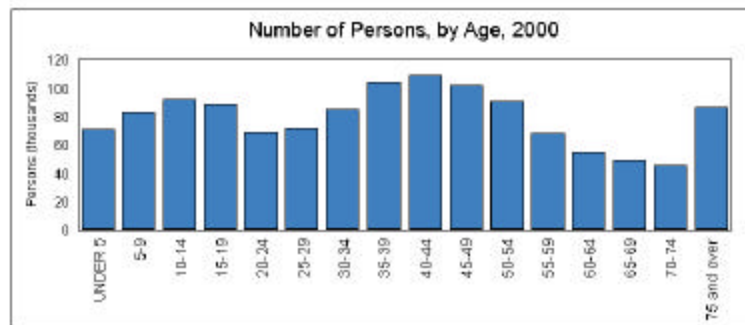
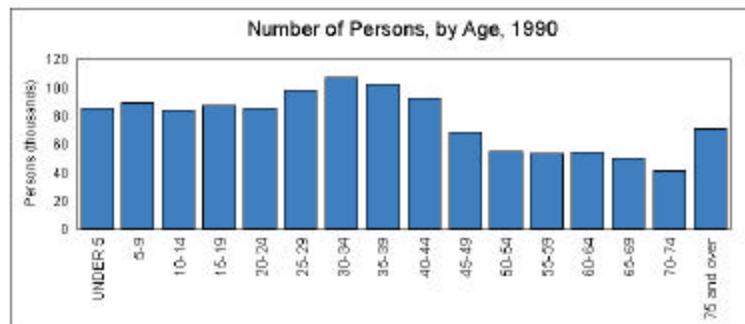
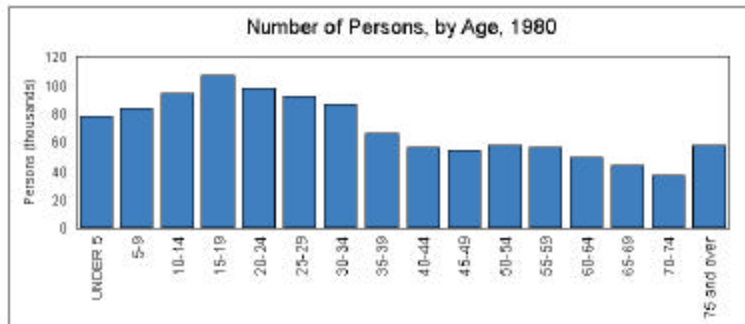
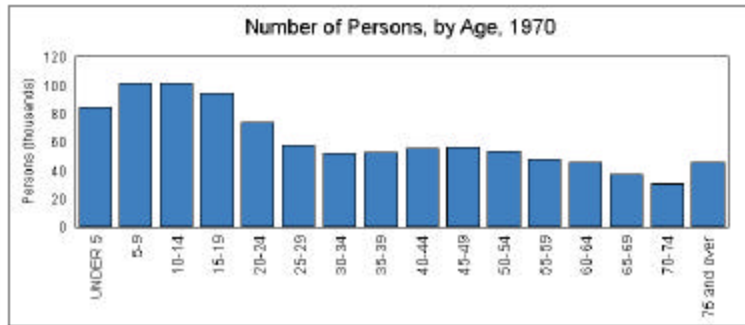
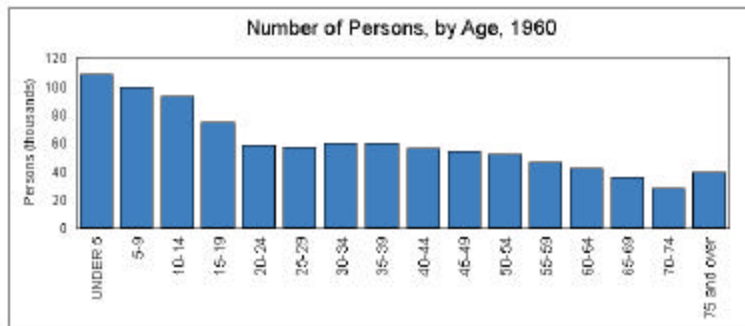
	<u>Maine</u>	<u>US</u>
Population Growth, 1990-2000	3.8%	13.1%
Percent of Population under 18	23.6	25.7
Percent of Population 65 and over	14.4	12.4
Percent of Population 75 and over	6.8	5.9
Median age of the population	38.6	35.3
Average size of household	2.39	2.59
Average size of family	2.90	3.14
Percent of families with female head	9.5	12.2
Percent of female headed families with children	66.0	58.6
Percent of married couples without children	41.1	45.6
Percent of hsls that are single persons living alone	27.0	25.8
Persons age 65+ living alone as % of all hsls	10.7	9.2
Percent of hsls that are family households	65.7	68.1
Percent of hsls that are non-family (single individuals or unrelated persons) hsls	34.3	31.9
Percent of housing owner occupied	71.6	66.2
Percent of housing in which householder is age 65+	22.7	21.0

II. Comparison with Past Censuses

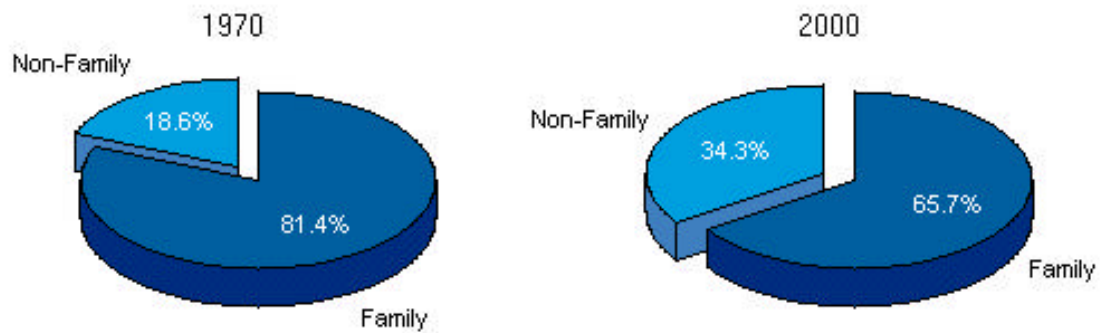




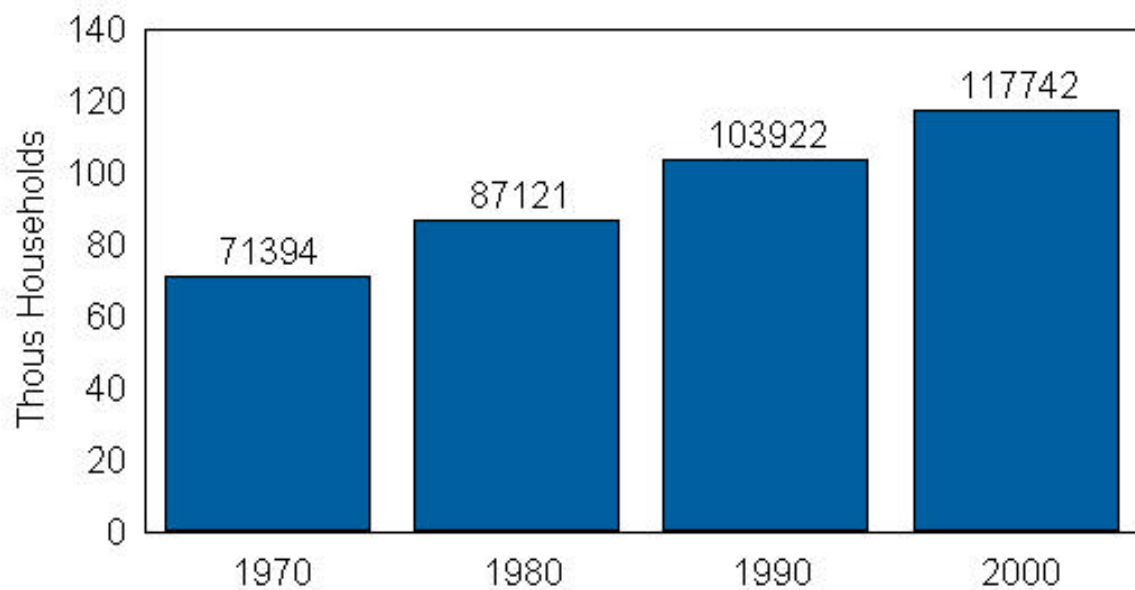




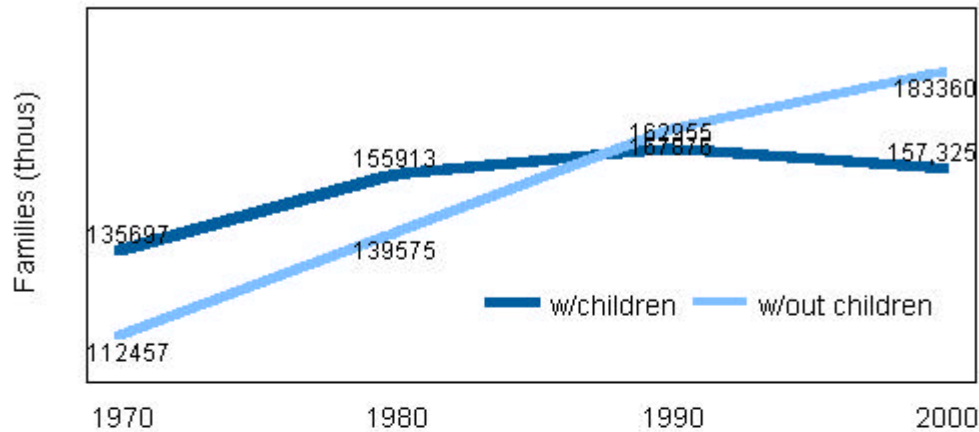
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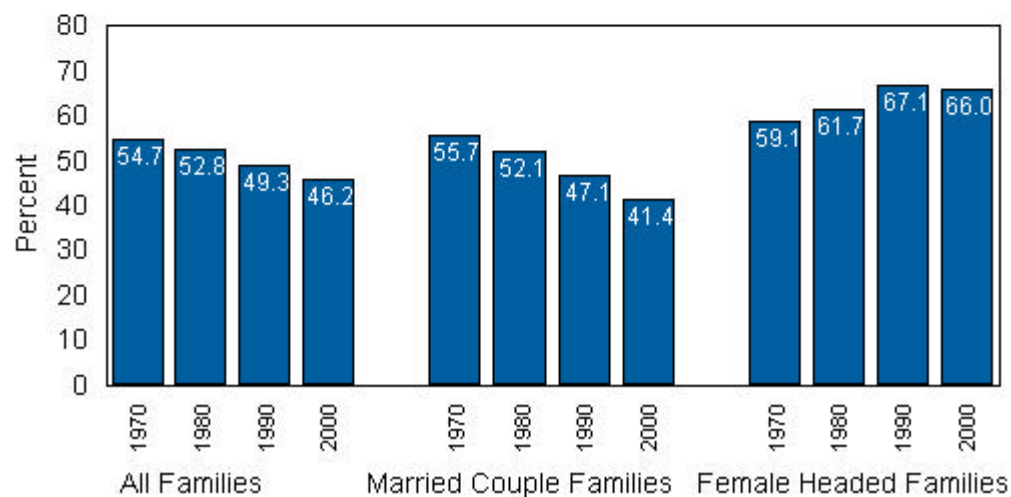
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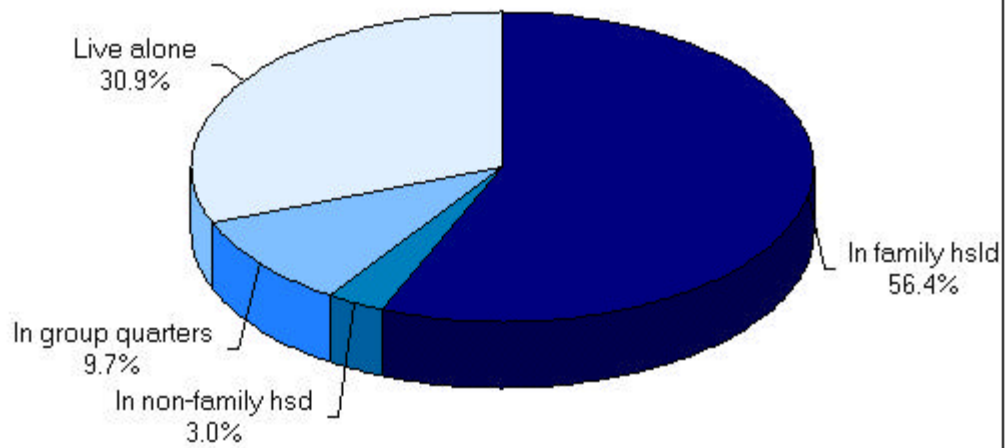
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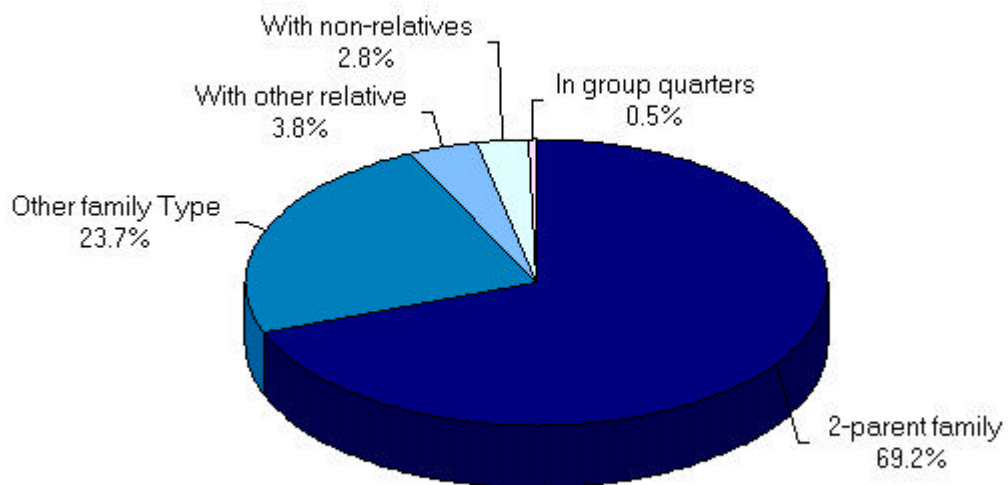
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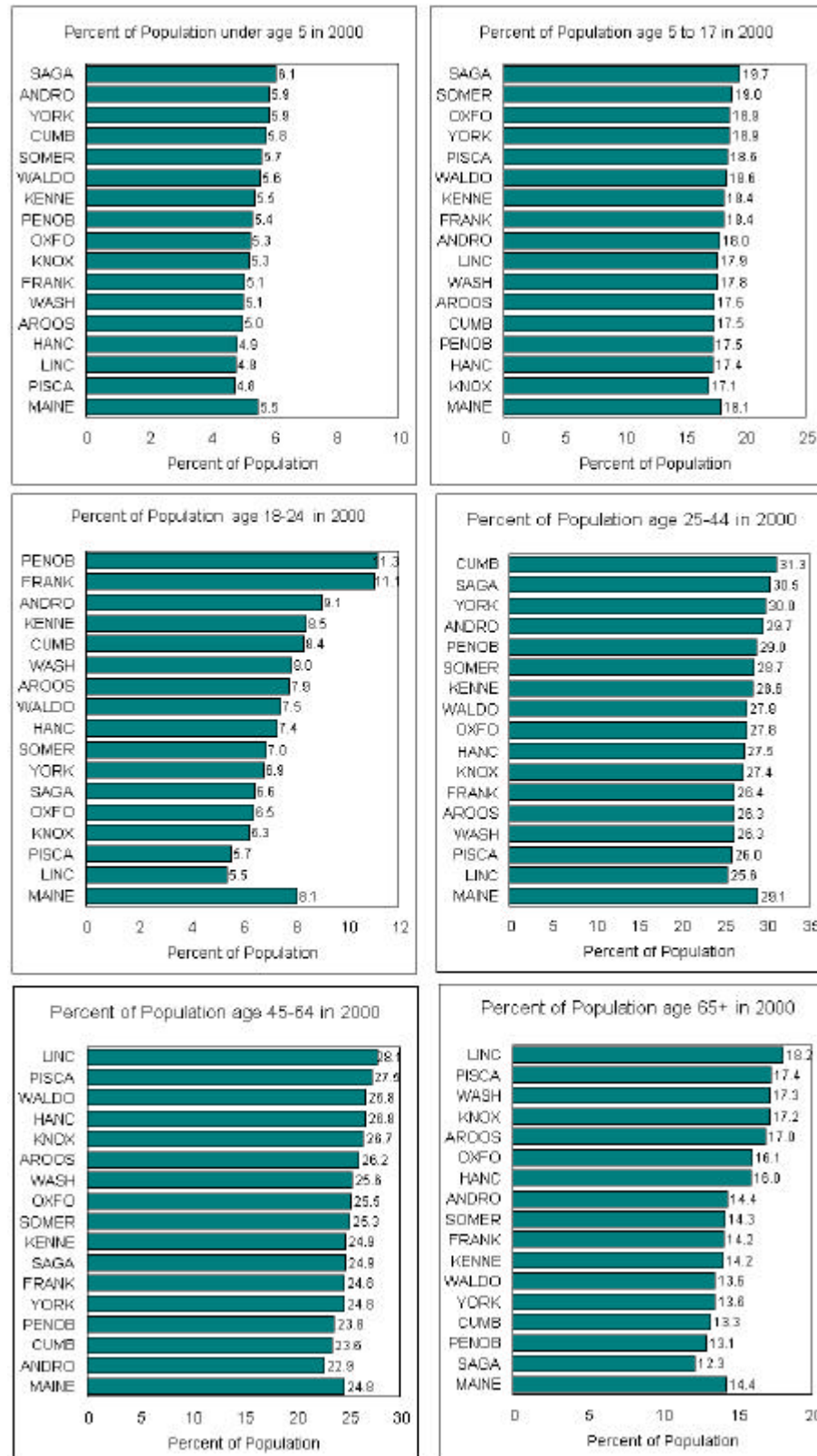
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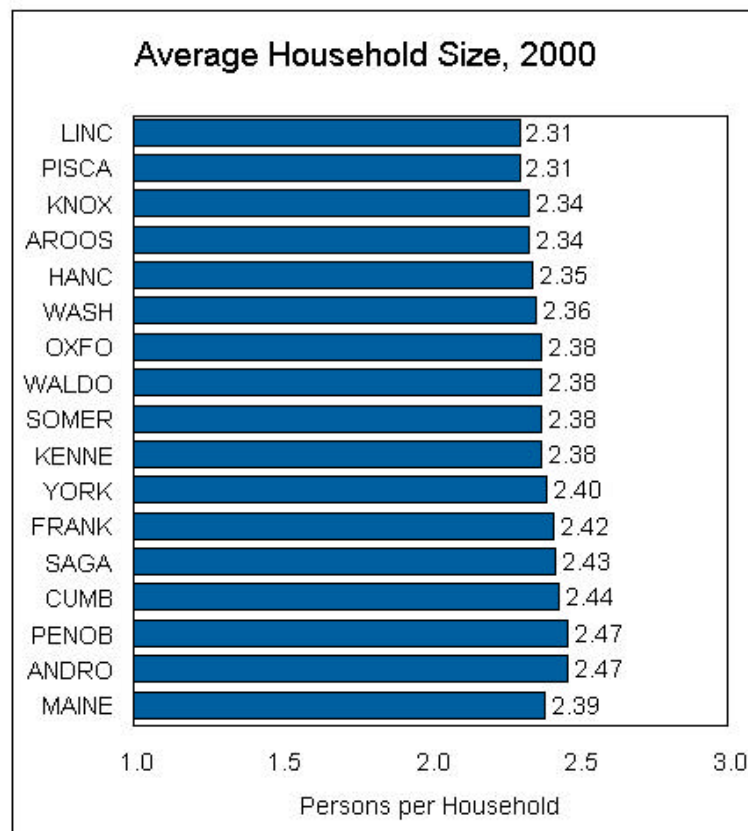
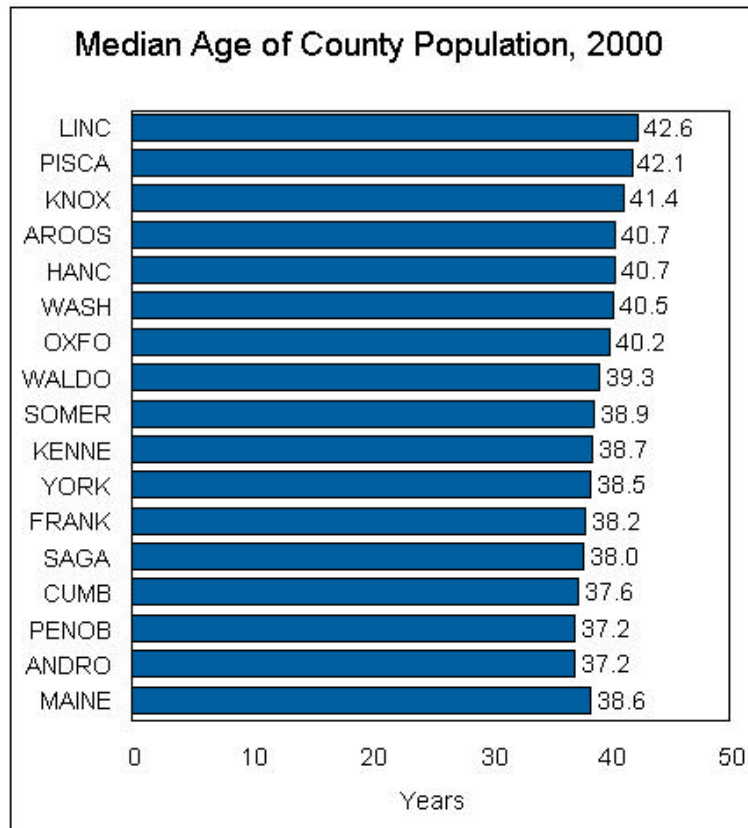


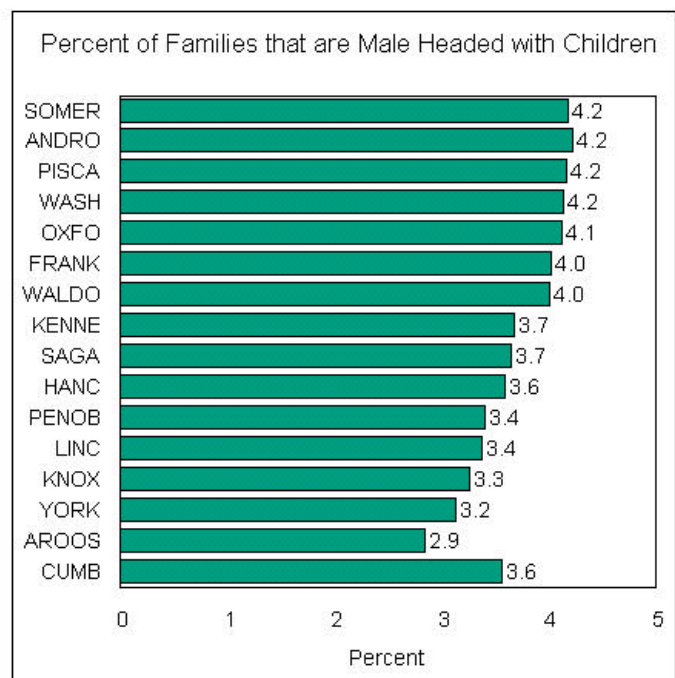
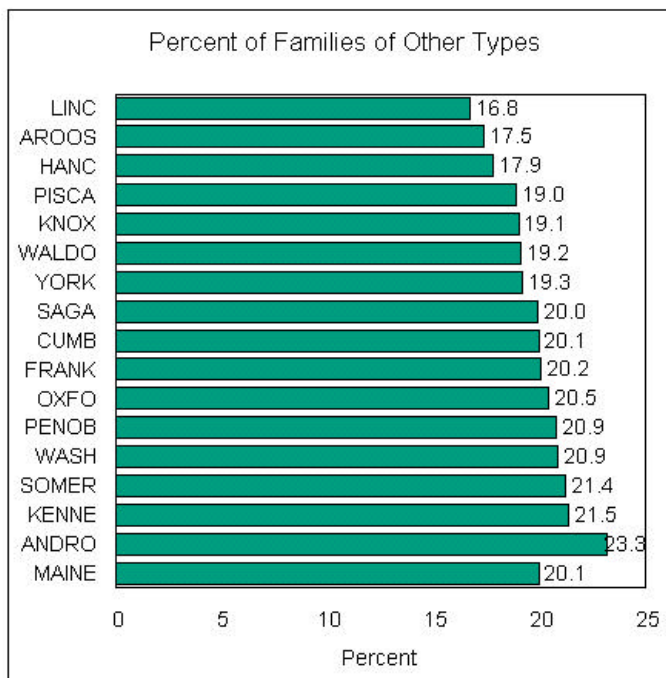
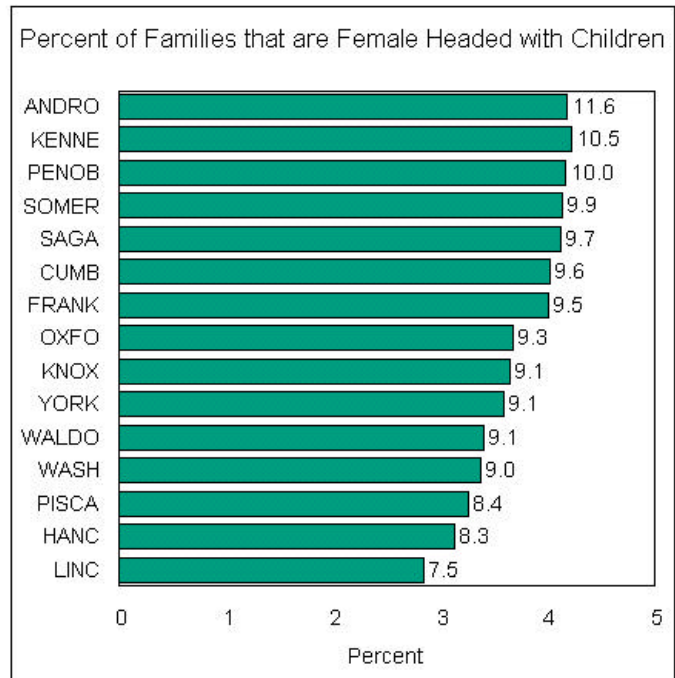
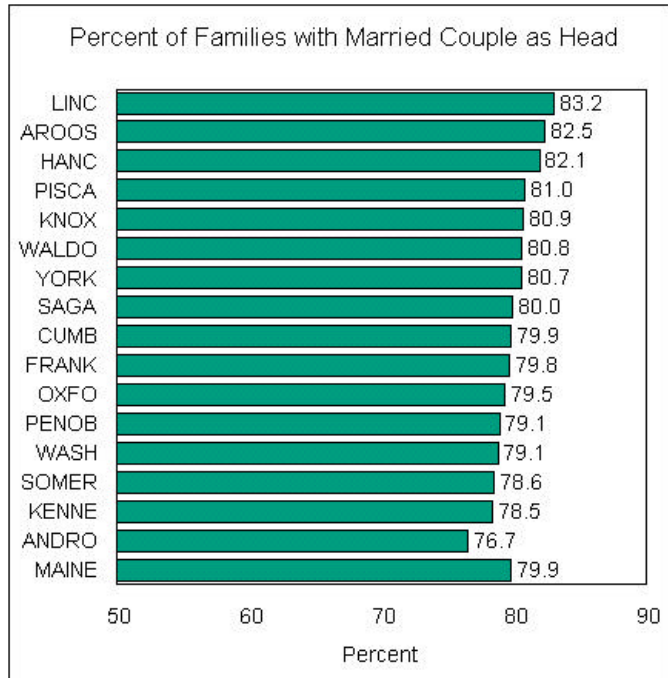
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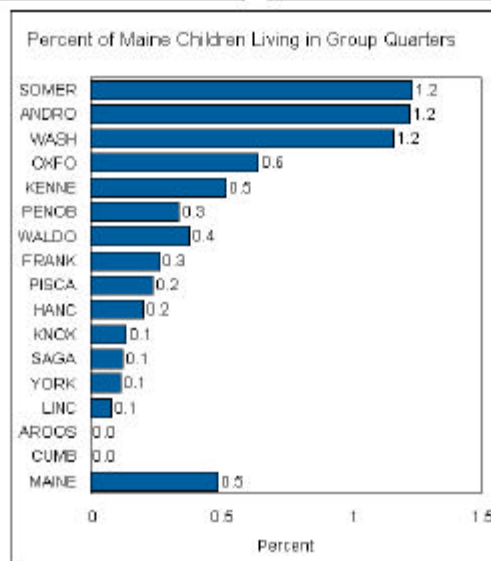
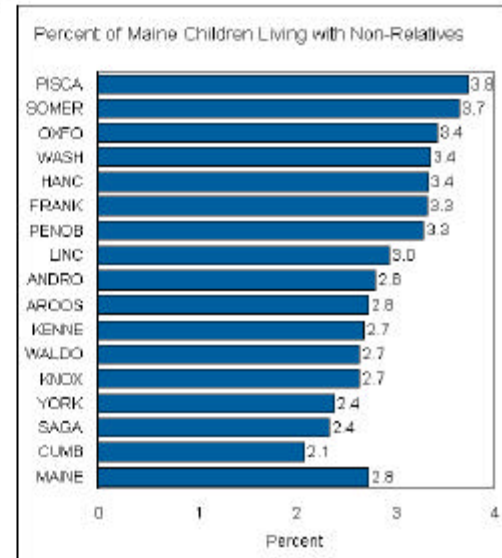
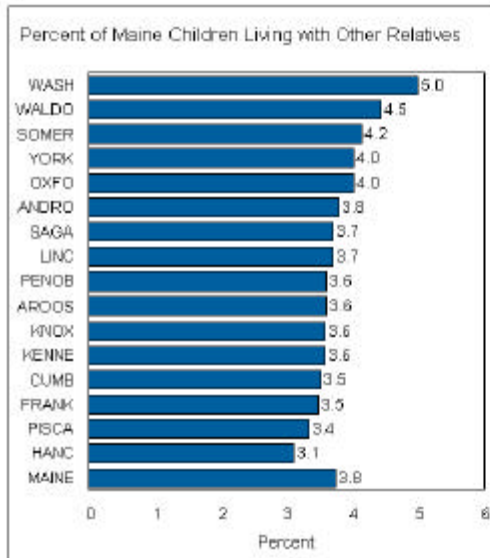
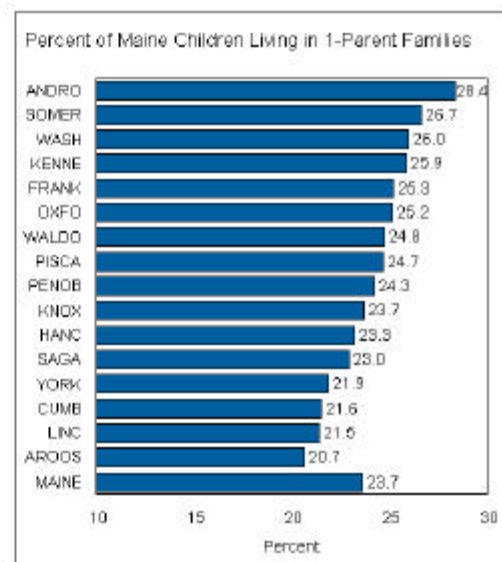
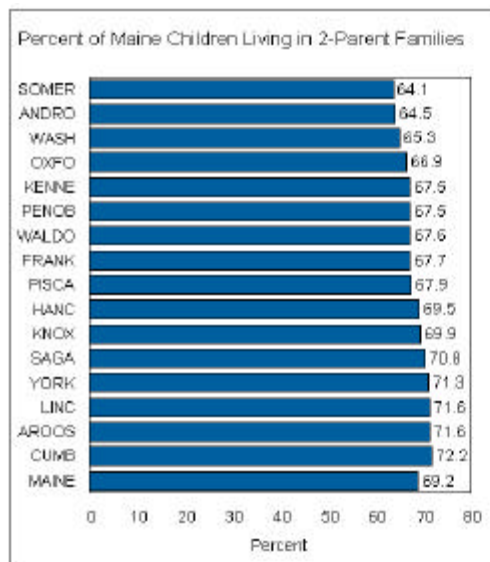


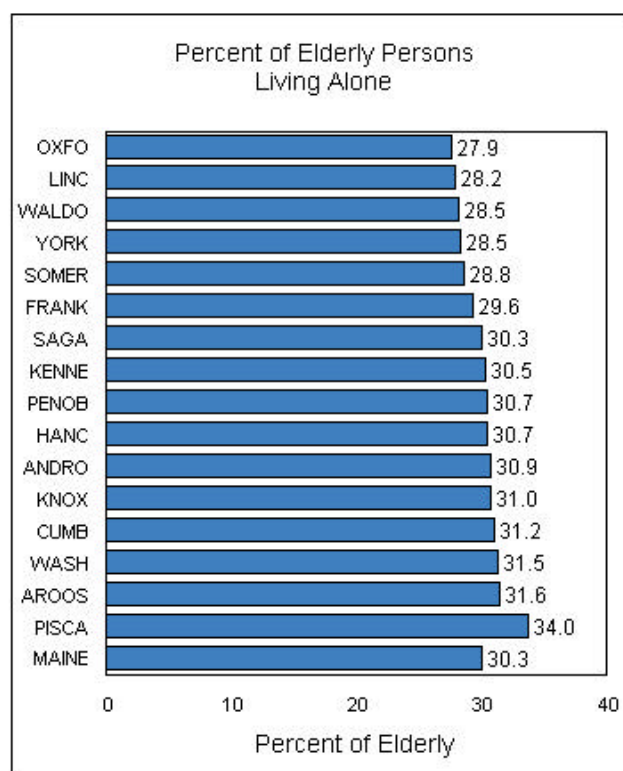
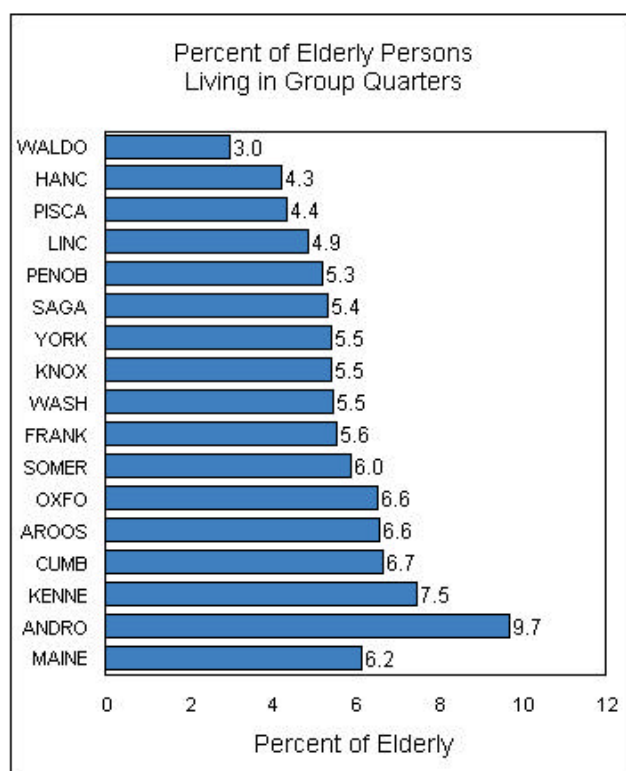
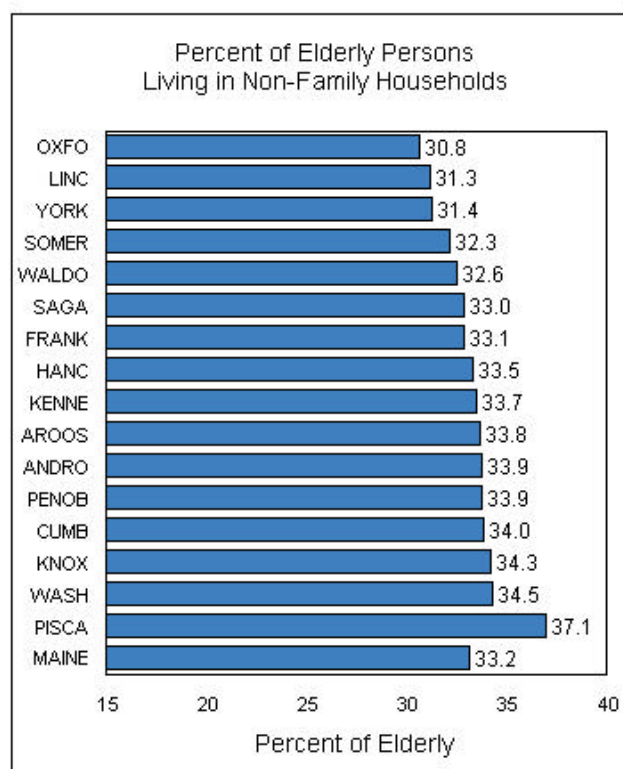
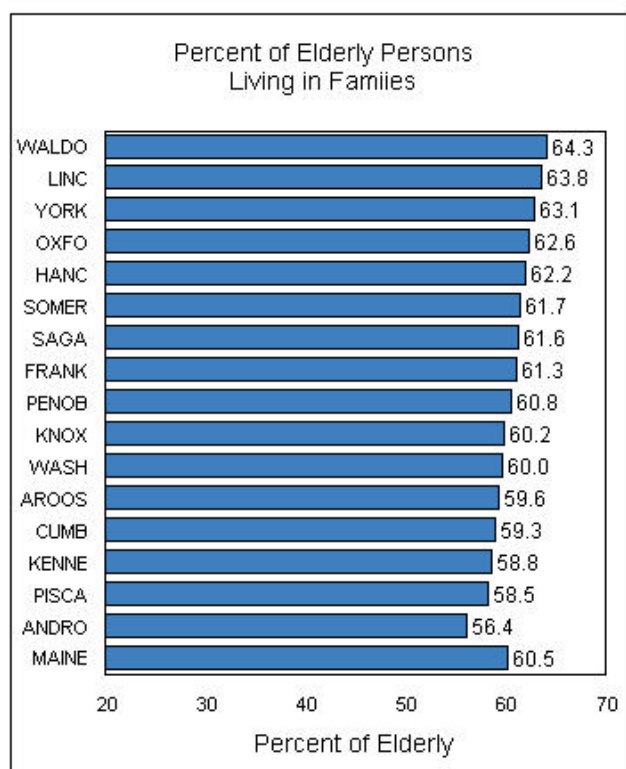
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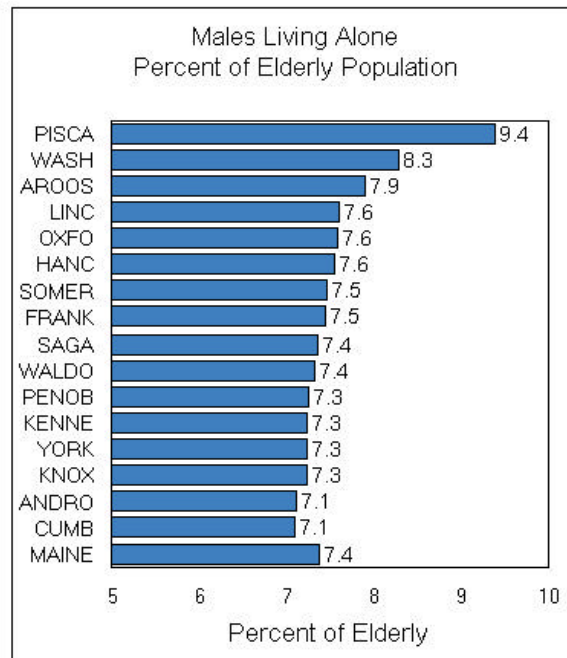
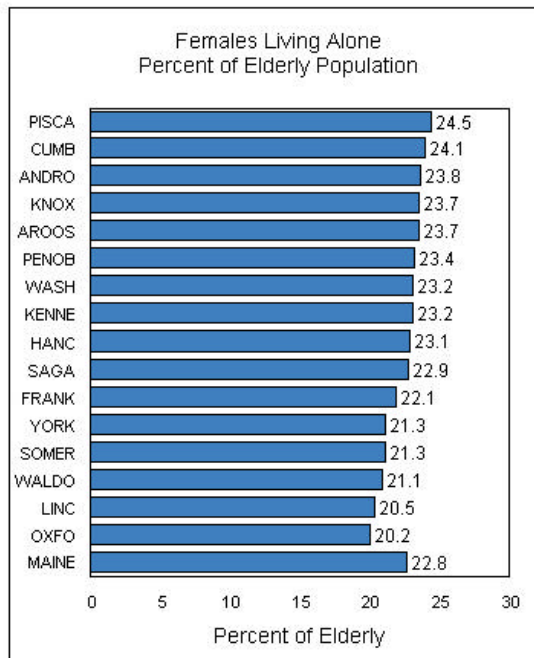












Summary Data for Maine Counties
U.S. Census Bureau Census 2000

County:	Total Population	Median Age	Total Households	Average Hsd. Size	Total Families	Average Fam. Size	No. of Children	Pct. Under18	No.of Elderly	Pct. Age 65+
Androscoggin	103,793	37.2	42,028	2.38	27,183	2.91	24,836	23.9	14,962	14.4
Aroostook	73,938	40.7	30,356	2.36	20,436	2.86	16,720	22.6	12,551	17.0
Cumberland	265,612	37.6	107,989	2.38	67,699	2.95	61,962	23.3	35,324	13.3
Franklin	29,467	38.2	11,806	2.4	7,748	2.88	6,929	23.5	4,184	14.2
Hancock	51,791	40.7	21,864	2.31	14,238	2.81	11,543	22.3	8,285	16.0
Kennebec	117,114	38.7	47,683	2.38	31,328	2.89	27,927	23.8	16,605	14.2
Knox	39,618	41.4	16,608	2.31	10,728	2.83	8,859	22.4	6,832	17.2
Lincoln	33,616	42.6	14,158	2.35	9,545	2.82	7,627	22.7	6,107	18.2
Oxford	54,755	40.2	22,314	2.42	15,180	2.87	13,234	24.2	8,793	16.1
Penobscot	144,919	37.2	58,096	2.38	37,813	2.88	33,100	22.8	18,920	13.1
Piscataquis	17,235	42.1	7,278	2.34	4,858	2.83	4,034	23.4	2,995	17.4
Sagadahoc	35,214	38.0	14,117	2.47	9,636	2.96	9,074	25.8	4,334	12.3
Somerset	50,888	38.9	20,496	2.44	14,117	2.87	12,563	24.7	7,278	14.3
Waldo	36,280	39.3	14,726	2.43	10,053	2.88	8,776	24.2	4,947	13.6
Washington	33,941	40.5	14,118	2.34	9,304	2.84	7,781	22.9	5,856	17.3
York	186,742	38.5	74,563	2.47	50,819	2.96	46,273	24.8	25,429	13.6
MAINE	1,274,923	38.6	518,200	2.39	340,685	2.90	301,238	23.6	183,402	14.4

County:	Total Households	Types of Households:		Types of Family Hslds:			Types of Non-Family Hslds:	
		Family	Nonfamily	Married Couple	Male Head (no spouse)	Female Head (no spouse)	Male Head	Female Head
Androscoggin	42,028	27,183	14,845	20,851	1,799	4,533	6,897	7,948
Aroostook	30,356	20,436	9,920	16,865	1,119	2,452	4,375	5,545
Cumberland	107,989	67,699	40,290	54,109	3,377	10,213	17,300	22,990
Franklin	11,806	7,748	4,058	6,186	478	1,084	1,865	2,193
Hancock	21,864	14,238	7,626	11,692	780	1,766	3,375	4,251
Kennebec	47,683	31,328	16,355	24,603	1,937	4,788	7,321	9,034
Knox	16,608	10,728	5,880	8,676	557	1,495	2,438	3,442
Lincoln	14,158	9,545	4,613	7,938	518	1,089	2,069	2,544
Oxford	22,314	15,180	7,134	12,065	991	2,124	3,402	3,732
Penobscot	58,096	37,813	20,283	29,913	2,167	5,733	9,201	11,082
Piscataquis	7,278	4,858	2,420	3,934	312	612	1,155	1,265
Sagadahoc	14,117	9,636	4,481	7,709	572	1,355	2,110	2,371
Somerset	20,496	14,117	6,379	11,102	955	2,060	3,075	3,304
Waldo	14,726	10,053	4,673	8,124	601	1,328	2,173	2,500
Washington	14,118	9,304	4,814	7,356	610	1,338	2,245	2,569
York	74,563	50,819	23,744	41,029	2,738	7,052	10,832	12,912
MAINE	518,200	340,685	177,515	272,152	19,511	49,022	79,833	97,682

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County:	Total Children	Live in Households	Live in Group Qtrs	Live with: Both Parents	Father only	Mother only	Another Relative	A Non- Relative
Androscoggin	24,836	24,750	86	16,012	1,727	5,333	949	701
Aroostook	16,720	16,514	206	11,978	967	2,491	605	461
Cumberland	61,962	61,634	328	44,717	2,889	10,492	2,196	1,302
Franklin	6,929	6,923	6	4,689	509	1,244	243	232
Hancock	11,543	11,468	75	8,022	801	1,888	362	388
Kennebec	27,927	27,887	40	18,848	1,908	5,330	1,008	755
Knox	8,859	8,859	0	6,190	567	1,537	320	236
Lincoln	7,627	7,611	16	5,460	497	1,141	284	226
Oxford	13,234	13,198	36	8,857	956	2,382	534	456
Penobscot	33,100	32,712	388	22,349	1,995	6,033	1,198	1,097
Piscataquis	4,034	4,034	0	2,740	302	696	136	152
Sagadahoc	9,074	9,063	11	6,424	548	1,536	338	214
Somerset	12,563	12,407	156	8,058	1,032	2,322	524	461
Waldo	8,776	8,742	34	5,931	647	1,531	392	234
Washington	7,781	7,771	10	5,082	615	1,409	391	263
York	46,273	46,159	114	33,005	2,552	7,588	1,874	1,111
MAINE	301,238	299,732	1506	208,362	18512	52953	11354	8289

County:	Total Age 65+	Live in Households	Live in Group Qtrs	Live in a Family Total	Elder is a Hsd Head: Male Hldr	Female Hldr	Spouse of Hldr	Elder lives with: Son or Daughter	Another Relative	A Non- Relative	Elders Living Alone: Males	Females	Live in Non-Family Hsd Males	Females
Androscoggin	14,962	13,504	1,458	8,434	3,602	792	3,132	429	422	57	1,068	3,555	120	112
Aroostook	12,551	11,719	832	7,476	3,517	615	2,828	254	227	35	996	2,975	91	59
Cumberland	35,324	32,953	2,371	20,937	8,748	2,282	7,818	1,037	899	153	2,514	8,515	258	255
Franklin	4,184	3,949	235	2,566	1,119	259	1,004	81	90	13	313	924	39	44
Hancock	8,285	7,928	357	5,153	2,327	440	2,001	219	130	36	628	1,912	61	63
Kennebec	16,605	15,354	1,251	9,763	4,284	922	3,694	415	377	71	1,207	3,855	140	135
Knox	6,832	6,457	375	4,112	1,847	398	1,601	116	102	48	496	1,621	50	72
Lincoln	6,107	5,807	300	3,896	1,775	325	1,528	118	113	37	466	1,254	54	51
Oxford	8,793	8,213	580	5,506	2,465	505	2,098	220	185	33	670	1,779	71	67
Penobscot	18,920	17,925	995	11,507	5,116	1,042	4,251	555	430	113	1,378	4,421	167	163
Piscataquis	2,995	2,863	132	1,751	745	195	671	79	52	9	282	735	29	23
Sagadahoc	4,334	4,100	234	2,671	1,163	258	993	137	107	13	320	994	32	31
Somerset	7,278	6,844	434	4,491	2,038	409	1,655	195	159	35	545	1,548	74	66
Waldo	4,947	4,797	150	3,182	1,425	303	1,172	129	120	33	364	1,044	68	48
Washington	5,856	5,532	324	3,514	1,465	472	1,339	126	101	11	487	1,360	44	48
York	25,429	24,039	1,390	16,055	6,948	1,523	6,040	796	662	86	1,847	5,410	211	189
MAINE	183,402	171,984	11,418	111,014	48,584	10,740	41,825	4,906	4,176	783	13,581	41,902	1,509	1,426

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